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"Let her Go, Gallagher!"

A TOBOGGAN SLIDE

IN PRICES OF

Ladies' Short Wraps,

Plush, Matlesse

And Beaver Cloaks

Will commence at LYNCH'S on Saturday, Jan. 1, 1887, and continue until the entire stock of this class of goods has been "slid" off. Even if you don't want to purchase, come and see the *Toboggan Process*. You will find the sensation most pleasurable and exhilarating.

A. LYNCH.

HAPPY
New Year!

GREAT

CLOSING OUT
SALE

Now in Progress

AT

H. J. GILLEN'S.

CLOAKS

AND

DRESS GOODS

And all Winter Goods

MARKED DOWN!

To Close Out within the Coming few weeks.

Greatest Bargains of
the season in
all lines

AT H. J. GILLEN'S.

LIVERY AND FEED STABLE
AND HACK LINE.

180. TELEPHONE 150.

PETER EGAN

Would respectfully announce to the citizens of Ottawa and vicinity that he has one of the choicest livery stables in the city, at the City Stables, such as

The Latest Styles of Hacks, Carriages and Buggies.

For sale, 3,000 white oak fence posts. Apply at Preston's hat store.

Scott Bros. & Co. close at 6 p. m., except Saturdays.

The new stock of table linens at Scott Bros. Co. are extra nice. In bleached, cream and reds. The finest stock of the goods in the city.

The Regan Matinee this afternoon should draw a full house.

A neat, dressy congress gaiter for gent's wear for \$2.00, at J. MEGARTIN'S.

Success of the Winter Sale.

The grand clearing out sale of goods at H. J. Gillen's extensive establishment has been an unprecedented success. When such remarkably low prices were fixed upon strictly first-class goods, as was the case here, the result could not have been otherwise. People far and near realized that they were offered unquestionable bargains at Gillen's. These and even greater bargains await every customer. There is no reservation made as to a complete slaughter of everything in the dress goods and cloak line here. This entire stock must and will be completely cleaned out regardless of values. This is the golden opportunity. If you would secure these splendid bargains, let there be no procrastination. "Get there" at once.

Removal.

H. W. Morrow, on the 1st of February next, will remove his laundry from the Foster building, on Madison street, to the Galvin building, corner of Clinton and Main streets, where he will have more room and better conveniences, and invites his patrons to call.

Amusements.

Mr. Henry Regan, who has given us such beautifully illustrated lectures for the past two evenings, will give a matinee at 2:30 today on the city of London, and to-night will close his course by giving a lecture entitled, "Ramblings in Rome," filled with beautiful views in this grand old city, and this lecture will undoubtedly be the most interesting of them all.

HOODMAN BLIND.

This beautiful scenic and great melodrama has been obtained by the opera house management for next Tuesday night, Feb. 1. The play was written by Henry A. Jones, author of "The Silver King," assisted by Wilson Barrett, the great English actor now playing in this country. This company has the exclusive right to present this play in America, and have 25 people in the cast. They bring their own scenery for the five acts, and it is true that no such magnificent scenery, surprising mechanical effects and fine acting has ever been seen in the opera house. It was produced over 300 times in London, and our readers should not miss seeing this grandest of all scenic plays. Prices are only 75 cents, and reserved seats are now on sale.

MILTON NOBLES.

"Love and Law," which Mr. Nobles and his famous company of comedians have been playing with great success for two seasons, has been secured for Friday night, Feb. 4th. Of course all the regulars in Ottawa remember Milton Nobles and his play of "The Phoenix," and "the villain still pursued her," played here by Mr. Nobles, who, like Joe Murphy, always has a good company with him. "Love and Law" is a play that the ladies all will be interested in. Prices are 75 cents for reserved seats, 50 cents on second floor.

City Lights.—The Capitol, Etc.

Our reporter, who visited Springfield last week, observed that Joliet has the poorest street lights and Ottawa and Bloomington the best. Springfield is lighted in spots and very dark areas abound, even within a half block of the principal streets and within a short distance of the capitol. The latter is one of the finest buildings in the Union, and in size, elegance of ornamentation and architectural beauty is second to none, not even the magnificent pile at Albany, N. Y., which is said to have cost over eleven millions, and is not completed yet. Our capitol has scarcely been finished, it having been in the contractor's hands until the first day of the present month. It has cost something over four millions of dollars, and is a triumph of modern art and mechanical skill. The decorations of the interior are indescribably beautiful and varied as the shades of human thought. The only defect noticeable was in the placing of the reading clerk's desk in the house and senate chamber directly in front of and on a level with the speaker's desk. The result, particularly in the house, is observed by him, where the clerk completely obscures and ingloriously eclipses the chief officer. The speaker, Mr. Culhoum, is a little, slim fellow with a peculiarly squeaky voice, and is hidden behind his great desk in an easy chair which threatens to swallow him up at every move he makes. The clerk, on the contrary, is a big, robust person with stentorian lungs, who grabs a bell from the hands of some little puck of a page, and yells in tones like the roaring of the bulls of Bashan, "A bill!"—this is a bill, drawing it out to a ludicrous length, and rolling the words in his mouth as an auctioneer does when he unexpectedly receives a large bid. Then clearing his throat he rattles off the words of this "a bill" as a parrot would a string of words such as "Polly wants a cracker, Polly wants a cracker," and the members pay him no sort of attention, and in the meantime the speaker has been bobbing up and down behind the great bulwark in front of him, and threatening every minute to bob out of sight forever. The speaker's desk should be three feet higher than any other object in that part of the room. His chair should not be a gigantic box on legs, and he should not wear a cap—a smoking cap—as the present speaker persists in keeping over his head and "combined locks."

NOTES, DRAFTS AND RECEIPTS at Hapeman & Graham's.

They Have It.

Manley & Jordan have the sale of the famous King & Hamilton, Ottawa Wagon, which has rapidly come to be considered one of the best that is made anywhere. They have the celebrated Studebaker wagon, which has a world-wide reputation. They have a very large wagon trade, and were forced to include the Ottawa wagons to hold their prestige as dealers in the best wagons manufactured in the Union. They sell large numbers of these wagons and keep a full supply always on hand.

\$3.00

Buy a neat, dressy gent's shoe at J. MEGARTIN'S.

In the Methodist church Rev. D. J. Holmes will preach next Sunday, morning and evening. Revival services in the evening, commencing with a song service.

The Young Ladies' Missionary Society of the Presbyterian church will give a social at the residence of the pastor, Rev. J. Omelvena, Washington street, three blocks east of high school, to-morrow evening. The members of the church and friends of the society are cordially invited.

Scott Bros. & Co.

Are having a lively trade on cotton goods now. They opened up this week a large new stock of prints, cambrics, shirtings, ginghams, &c. New goods opening every day.

To-night Mr. Regan will close his course with his intensely interesting lecture, "Ramblings in Rome."

Those wishing to purchase land in Kansas would do well to write to Brosius & Griffith, Hays City, Kansas, for information.

A Reliable Wagon.

The Ottawa Wagon, manufactured by King & Hamilton, has a reputation that is No. 1, and is kept by Manley & Jordan. They sell readily. Farmers, who have used this make for many years, have learned to prize them as ever safe and reliable. This firm have sold the Studebaker wagon exclusively for years and built up a large trade, but of late so many of their customers enquired for the King & Hamilton wagon that the firm were compelled to add them to their stock. They sell both wagons as desired by their customers, and feel sure that they have the two premium wagons of the country.

M. A. O'Connor, late editor of the La Salle Times, some time ago married a young lady who had a large sum of money. Everything went lovely until the young woman, with rare business foresight, refused to let him handle her money. Then, she avers, he began to whollop her savagely. She charges him with having thrown her down stairs, blacked her eyes, throwing a tobacco pipe full of water upon her and their child, and in fact behaved generally with the utmost brutality. She applies for a divorce and the case is on the docket of the Circuit Court.

Wanted.

To exchange prime shoes for cash, at very low prices. J. MEGARTIN'S.

TRAMP.—A tramp appeared in Northville recently and by playing the pious dodge, going to church with the family, and abstaining from the use of tobacco, whisky and "cuss words," prayed and sung himself into the confidence of a worthy family and then stole a fine suit of clothes and skipped.

BOSSES.—The new county bonds, which are elegant, artistically speaking, have been signed, sealed and delivered at Chicago, where the money was. This evaporates Jack McDick's swash about the stupendously wealthy La Salle banks.

EARLY.—East Ottawa is threatened with an early spring. A robin was seen there the other morning. The rest of the city is backward. Snow birds and big coal bills are all we can show.

BOG.—The toboggan castle has a melancholy look. To the north and west of it is a sea of ice, and its slide terminates south in a pond of ice, slush, water and mud, and to the east a bank, and the whole scene on yesterday was covered with dreary weather. There being no people, consequently the slide neither slid nor slide. There is some talk of greasing the track or putting the sleds on wheels.

TIP.—The Friendly Tip Club had a numerously attended masquerade party at Schaefer's hall on Tuesday evening last.

DAM.—Some time ago a Mr. Hibbard was hurt by a defective sidewalk at Sheridan. He sued and the jury gave him \$45.00. It was taken to the Appellate Court and affirmed, then to the Supreme Court and reaffirmed. This is a heavy dose for Sheridan.

CASH.—Yesterday morning Chairman Lewis and Supervisors Reed, Bales, Fisher and Griffin and Clerk Mullen went to Chicago with the \$90,000 bonds to deliver them to the First National Bank of that city and receive the cash therefor, and returned in the evening with the money.

LEAD.—Mr. Linderman, the baker, will open a branch of his establishment in the building next north of Megaffin's, on the 15th of February, and on the 1st of May will move his entire business from Cheever's block to the new quarters named.

Hull's Announcement.

They are through invoicing at Hull's, and will open next week a lot of new goods, especially wash goods, such as Toile du Nord, zinghams, seersuckers, and an assortment of white goods and embroideries. Their line of embroideries is decidedly elegant and cheap, and "don't you forget it." Come and see the new stuff.

They are also clearing up a lot of odds and ends and are selling very cheap to clear out the stock.

CARPETS.

The last call this week for carpet remnants. We will open next week two hundred styles of the handsomest styles of carpets ever shown in the county. All new styles and of the choice of the best.

Obituary.

Eli Strawn, one of the earliest settlers of La Salle county, died suddenly on Saturday night Jan. 22nd, at his dwelling in West Ottawa, of heart disease, an ailment with which he had long been afflicted. He retired that evening apparently feeling better than usual, and in the morning when called for breakfast and not responding, his room door was opened and he was found partially sitting on the edge of his bed, partially dressed and his slippers on his feet, cold in death. Whether he died as he was about to retire and had begun to undress, or, in the night after a premonitory symptom of the approaching crisis, or, while trying to rise from bed, will never be known. He was not heard during the night and none of the household knew anything of the sad event till the spectre of death was found in their midst.

Mr. Strawn was born in Perry Co., Ohio, March 27, 1817. He was the oldest son of the late Jeremiah Strawn, and came to Ottawa October, 1833, as he states in an article on his early experiences in this state, which he handed a reporter of the FREE TRADER at the last meeting of the "Old Settlers," in this city. He says: "In October, 1840, I found the Fox river at its confluence with the Illinois river, with a four horse team attached to a 'prairie schooner,' driven with a 'single line.' In this wagon were my father, Jeremiah Strawn, John Shaver, Tom Haley, and Alex Wilson. The Fox river has grown too deep to ford at its mouth since I crossed it nearly 50 years ago with that span of bays and grays—as good as Ohio produced. There was then but one house and that contained but one room, where the city of Ottawa now stands. I settled on the north bluff, near Ottawa, July 31, 1833, and lived there 31 years. I then moved to Froquois Co., in this state, where I remained seventeen years and then returned to Ottawa where I now reside and am able to enjoy this annual picnic with the old settlers of this county, for which I am very thankful."

Mr. Strawn was married to Eleanor Broadus, of Lacon, Marshall Co., Jan. 1, 1838. She died the most awful death that can fall to the lot of man—of hydrophobia. She had been bitten by a pet poodle dog twenty years before. She went down cellar one morning for milk, and suddenly came up in a great fright, her eyes red as coals and glowing with a fearful light, and exclaimed to her husband: "Oh, Eli, there is a strange dog in the cellar and it frightened me!" The next moment she began to imitate the barking of a dog and went into spasms. These followed at intervals gradually shorter and each succeeding fit longer and more terrible in its agony of pain, till at last the poor sufferer was kindly released by death. By his union with this estimable lady there came six children: Chris. C., a lawyer at Pontiac, Franklin, of Manhattan, Kansas; Martha, the wife of W. A. Barry, Froquois Co.; Nancy, wife of Sam H. Thompson, of Lacon; Henry L., of Manhattan, Kansas and Douglas, who died years ago. In 1864, Mr. Strawn married Mrs. Mary H. Dean, of La Salle, they have one child Myra, aged 14 years. Mr. Strawn was a man of much business capacity and handled a large amount of money, the result of speculations in land, farming, and of buying and selling cattle. He was a strictly honest man, an affectionate father and a liberal public citizen. The funeral occurred on Wednesday, at the Methodist church, where an able sermon was preached by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Holmes.

Hess Enlarging.

Mr. D. Hess, the popular jeweler, has greatly enlarged and improved his jewelry store on La Salle street, opposite the court house. He has removed the partition twenty feet, and re-papered the room and made it elegant, and has added a large stock of all sorts of goods in the jeweler's line. He has now one of the finest jewelry establishments in this region of country.

CARROT.—August Wolbrock and Mrs. M. M. diestadt, Peru, the parties who had formed a marriage arrangement independent of the laws, have been brought to legal grief. He is 55 and she is 23 years old, and the latter left her husband some time ago to live with this mistaken old bean. Both are in jail.

Hungarians.

Werner is selling more boots and shoes than any one else in Ottawa. He sells the best of goods, new and elegant, at cost, and will continue to sell at a sacrifice until Feb. 15th, when he will go into his new store.

Bull closes at 6 p. m. hereafter, except Saturdays.

FLORIDA

Sweet Oranges

15c DOZ.

W. C. RIALE & CO.

1794. 1810. 1887.

HARTFORD

FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY

77th ANNUAL STATEMENT.

CASH CAPITAL. - - - - \$1,250,000.00
Reserve for Re Ins. & all other liabilities, 2,015,959.71
Net Surplus, - - - - 1,789,986.74
Total Assets, - - - - \$5,055,946.45

Losses Paid at Ottawa Agency, \$17,976.54.

Losses Paid at the Great Fire in Chicago, \$1,927,462.04.

Total Losses Paid Since Organization:

\$28,507,655.94.

GEO. W. RAVENS, Agt. - S. E. Cor. P. O. Block.

LAST CALL.

WHEELER will make Cabinet Photographs for the month of February for \$2.50 a Dozen. First class work in every respect. Improve your opportunity, as this will positively be YOUR LAST CHANCE.

Obituary.

Daniel Blake, a well known old citizen of La Salle county for nearly half a century, died at his home in Waco, Tex., to which place he emigrated a few years ago, from Seneca. His death was caused by a general breaking down of the system, the result of old age. Mr. Blake was born May 2, 1804, of Irish parents. He came to La Salle county in 1832, and soon after began a farm in Seneca, where he had resided until about five years ago, when he went to Texas. He was supervisor of his town in 1835 and 1864, and was sheriff of La Salle county in 1870. He leaves his widow Elizabeth, now 80, surviving him in Texas, his sons James A., Joshua M. and Geo. W. W., and three daughters, Mrs. H. (Hupp) of Seneca; Mrs. I. W. Niles, Odell, and Susan A. Beatty, La Grange, Cook Co.

Mr. Henry Rhel, an old and respected citizen of Ottawa, died at the Farmers' Home, on La Salle street, above Lafayette, on Sunday last, after a long illness of dysentery. He was born in Maryland, Prussia, in 1819, and came to this city in 1849, and was a cooper by trade, and worked at that business. In 1870 he returned to Germany and was married to Miss Maria von Moll. They came to Ottawa where he worked at his trade, and afterwards, in 1884, he built a hotel, and called it the "Farmers' Home." He opened it and has kept it as a hotel ever since, and never sold whisky or beer. He leaves his wife and four children, Mrs. Garden, of Seneca, and Amelia, Myra and Henry, who live at home. The funeral was on Wednesday, and was largely attended.

Rebecca's Triumph.

The ladies of the Congregational church have announced this popular play to be given at the Opera House, Friday evening, Feb. 8. We understand its presentation at the east created quite a furor, and also learn from most reliable authority there is every reason to expect a similar success when given here. Hints of "Gyp's" imitable acting, of "Irish Katie's" mirth provoking sallies, of the jolly scenes in a bona fide "cooking club," of genuine pathos and dramatic power displayed by the young ladies, whom we predict will surprise many, all have combined to raise our curiosity to fever heat, and we are confident the expectant public will not be disappointed. Let us see that we recognize the genius of these rising "stars" by greeting them with a crowded house, with the assurance none will regret their presence at and endorsement of "Rebecca's triumph."

Tickets, with reserved seats, 50 cents.

J. H. Hoxford's Remains.

A fearful suspicion of foul play has been started as to the death of the late J. H. Hoxford. His body was exhumed some time ago and the stomach sent to Chicago for an analysis. What has been discovered, if anything, is not known. The papers of Minneapolis say, "Just before his death he ate an apple and soon afterwards complained of intense pain, and death resulted before help could be obtained." There a healthy row between the heirs and Mrs. Hoxford, as to who shall boss the job of handling his large estate. The court did not rule her out as administratrix, but still this proves nothing. It seems in these days that wealthy estates are sure to beget law suits and heart burnings.

Personal.

HALL.—City Attorney Hall, of La Salle, has taken a partner, Thos. M. Haskins, Esq., who has for some time officiated as an assistant in the circuit clerk's office in Ottawa. Both are good lawyers and should make an excellent team.

SIX.—Mr. and Mrs. Oakley Griggs, of Streator, are being congratulated about a stray little feminine cherub, who recently glided down on a sunbeam from the sky, and will make her future home with that worthy couple.

SIX.—On Saturday last, at Mr. Costello's blacksmith shop in this city, Mr. C. W. Reynolds drove on and clinched one hundred and twenty six horse shoes in a period of ten hours. As 40 to 50 in a day is considered good work, this is remarkable. Who can beat it?

PARTY.—The young people of the North-western Catholic Union had a very nice social party at Schaefer's hall on Thursday evening.

CON.—The investigating committee are overhauling the accounts of the ex-treasurer and ex-sheriff.

UKRA.—There was a delightful euchre party, of the progressive style, given at Mr. Ja. Formhals', in west Ottawa, on Wednesday evening.

GLIMP.—The Globe has almost ceased to revolve, but not through any fault of Wilson. It looks as though a conspiracy had been formed to put the Globe in a permanent eclipse, but Wilson says "It can't be done, if he knows himself!"

BOLT.—There is a bolt at Forbes' drug store, and it's got Charlie by the neck by a large majority.

RHOADS.—Wm. R. Rhoads, a brother of Mrs. Megaffin, Mrs. Harden, and Andrew and Isaac Rhoads, had his leg crushed by a railroad accident at Pleasant Hill, Mo., on the 17th, and the injured member had to be amputated.

VANCE.—Dr. Vance left on Sunday for Redding, Cal., which is to be his future home.

DER.—E. F. Huberg, of Peru, has accepted a place in Circuit Clerk Taylor's office, commencing this week. The Times predict a successful career for him.

DEMO.—Mr. Charles G. Armstrong, who was for a time a clerk at E. Y. Griggs' in this city, has opened a drug store at Monticello, Platt county, in this state.

BETTER.—Col. Dick Taylor, who has been very ill for some time past, was better yesterday.

HARRIS.—There is a gay and festive reunion of the Harishorn family, near La Salle, this week. They are P. A., the host, and Joshua P., of Iowa; R. D. and Calvin, of Buckley, and Pliny of Waltham.

LOCK.—A. C. Lockwood and wife left today for an extended trip to California.

HARE.—John Hare, the contractor and builder, has taken a new job. It's a boy, and he's trying to raise it.